

## Mass Times

### Sunday Masses

- Sat** 5.30 pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun** 8.00 am  
9.30 am Family Mass  
11.15 am Sung Mass  
5.45 pm (1st Sun Youth Mass)

### Weekday Masses

- Mon, Tues, Thurs 7.30 & 10.00 am  
Wed 7.30 am, 12.30 pm,  
7.30 pm Extraordinary Form  
(1st Wed monthly ONLY)  
4.30 pm Burrswood  
(2nd Wed monthly ONLY)  
Fri 7.30, 10.00 am & 7.30 pm  
Sat: 8.00 and 10.00 am

### Reconciliation

- Sat 10.30-11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm  
Also by appointment.

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## Prayer

### Rosary with Benediction

- Sunday 4.00pm  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Monday - 6.30 am - 8.00 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 am -1.00 pm  
Friday 6.30am - 9.00pm

### Morning Prayers

- Monday- Friday 7.00am, Saturday 7.40am

### Rosary

- Mon - Tues & Thurs - Fri before 10.00 am Mass  
**Rosary Intention:** For those whose work is to prepare the homeless for a more comfortable and settled way of life; and for the homeless that despite their many difficulties they can accept this help.

### Prayer Groups

- Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -  
Blessed Sacrament  
Charismatic Tues, 8.00 pm - Church  
Christian Tues, 2.00 pm- MR3/Hall  
Meditation  
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3  
Prayers

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today

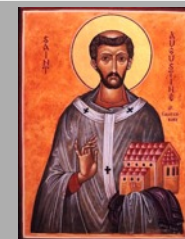
**St Francis of Assisi**

**Please note the latest items can be accepted is 4pm on Monday in any given week, although inclusion for the coming weekend can't be guaranteed.** Contributions to:  
newsdesk@st-augustine.co.uk or office.

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<http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

# ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

22nd October 2017



### BENEDICTION by Jean Dunne



Every Sunday the church invites parishioners to attend "Benediction". Does this word seem unfamiliar to some people?

What is Benediction? This ceremony was instituted on the feast of Corpus Christi by Pope Urban IV in 1264. It is a short service which lasts about thirty minutes.

It is a most wonderful celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. It is Our Lord truly present. Saint Pope John Paul II wrote "Since the Eucharistic Mystery was instituted out of love, and makes Christ sacramentally present, it is worthy of thanksgiving and worship."

The priest or the deacon places the 'Monstrance' a special vessel which holds the Sacred Host, on the Altar for the congregation to see, adore and pray before. During May and October the Rosary is said at the start of Benediction and at other times Evening Prayer of the Church is said at this point.

A hymn is then sung, after which the minister incenses the Blessed Sacrament (if incense is being used) then lifts the Monstrance and blesses the people (Benediction) with the sign of the cross. The Divine Praises will be said by the minister and repeated by the congregation. Then a final hymn is sung.

It is a quiet peaceful time in our busy lives to simply be with our Risen Lord, to place ourselves in his presence. All parishioners are invited to attend. It is a wonderful way to increase our prayer and Adoration of the Lord.

### MEDJUGORJE – MARJANA DVD by Mike Southern

Fr. Agnelo, (formerly of our parish) and I have just spent a wonderful week in Medjugorje where we stayed in the house of Mirjana, one of the six visionaries who have regularly seen Our Lady since 1981. As part of a group of pilgrims we met Mirjana on a daily basis and she gave us a personal account of her apparitions and what is being asked by Our Lady, the Queen of Peace: for us to come back to God, to change our lives. Of the visionaries, Mirjana is the one chosen who will eventually reveal to the world, in advance, the prophetic events that will happen. At this stage they are firmly secret and remain so until Our Lady gives permission to disclose them. **I have a DVD of this talk and will be showing it in the Parish Hall and I will even try and answer questions. Refreshments served.** Dates and times are as follows.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 pm after 7.30pm Mass  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am after 10.00am Mass

29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 1  
Parish Mass Book  
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## APPLICATIONS TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

If you are applying to Catholic Schools for admission to Year 7 in 2019, in addition to completing the KCC application form you must also complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which, in most cases, can be downloaded from the school's website.

**The closing date for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October, so if you have not already returned the SIF you will need to do so this week.** Please phone the parish office (01892 522525) to arrange a time when Fr. Peter will be able to sign your form.

The closing date for primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Again, please phone the parish office to make an appointment for Fr. Peter to sign the form, but state that it is for a primary school application. You will be offered an appointment in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January. If you wish you can return Part A of the SIF to the school in advance of this appointment.

## RISE Theatre

returns Following on from their fantastic performance last year of 'White Rabbit', we welcome Rise Theatre back for an emotional rendition of 'Oscar Romero - heartbeat of El Salvador' on the 16th November. Tickets are £10, and under 18's go free with a paying adult!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre  
or email youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk (Not suitable for under 11s)

## Walsingham Pilgrimage

We have one place left due to a sudden cancellation, 12-16 November, cost £195 for an en suite room. Four days break from your everyday routine, wonderful inspiring Masses, good talks, company of your fellow parishioners and afternoons to explore the lovely Norfolk countryside as well as all transport included. Phone Lucia at 01892 524588 for further details.

## R.C.I.A. The Journey of Faith

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8 pm  
For all wishing to increase their knowledge of Christianity through the teaching of the Catholic church. The sessions will be held downstairs in the priests' house. *If you are interested please come along on Monday evening - all are welcome.*



## All Saints Day Mass at St Gregory's School

We would like to warmly welcome you to join us for one of the three Masses we will be celebrating. However, there are limited spaces available for each Mass, so if you do wish to join us you must e-mail to reserve a space. Mass times are: **8:45, 11:05 and 14:00** Please e-mail Jane Ireland, our chaplain, with your name and the time of Mass you wish to attend.  
jireland@sgschool.org.uk

## Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be available in the porch throughout October. Please enter the names of all those whom you wished to be remembered. The book will be placed on the Sanctuary at our Annual Bereavement Mass for the recently bereaved on **Saturday 4th November at 2.30 pm.** This Mass is open to all who have or are experiencing a loss and is not just for those who have received a specific invitation. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the Mass. **ALL WELCOME**

## Wonderful Southwark Day of Prayer St George's Cathedral

Saturday 4 November 9.45am - 4.45pm  
David Wells keynote talk: 'New People - New Hearts'. Being a missionary disciple in today's anxious world.  
Prayer - Reconciliation - Eucharistic Healing Service - Mass.  
Coach leaving St Augustine's 8am.  
Departs St George's Cathedral 4.45p. Sign up sheet in narthex.  
All are welcome.



## +++ LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS +++

Our **Life in the Spirit Seminars** continue.  
The final seminar is tomorrow,  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.45pm.**  
The topic will be **Transformation in Christ** - the speaker **Fr Mark White CP.**  
**Why not come along with a friend?**

## FUN QUIZ NIGHT

As part of parish social events, a fun **Quiz night** is organised for parishioners and friends on **18th November 2017** at the Parish Hall from 7-9:30pm.  
**Entry tickets are £10 each** to include pizzas, nibbles and soft drinks.  
**All profits will go to Mary's meal.**  
These social events would be a good opportunity for parish members to socialise and further foster our community in an informal setting. Please contact Parish office for tickets.



**CAFOD 'Journey to Justice' retreat,  
Saturday 4 November, 10am-4pm, at  
Aylesford Priory Kent ME20 7BX**

Romero's life and faith can inspire, challenge us and transform our world. Reflect on your own journey of transformation, and be inspired and enriched by stories of those who continue to speak out for justice today. To book your place ring 020 8466 9901 or via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journey-to-justice-a-cafod-retreat-registration>

## OFFERTORY

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| Offertory               | £964.68 |
| Offertory GA            | £688    |
| Outreach St Aug. School | £566.78 |
| CAFOD                   | £16     |
| Mitapeeap               | £32.95  |

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## THIS WEEK

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

**2.30 pm Polish Catechism - Hall**

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A Ps Wk 1**

**4.00 pm Rosary with Benediction**

**7.00 pm Confessions in Polish**

**7.30 pm Mass in Polish**

**19.30 MSZA SWIETA**

**OUTREACH MISSIO [APF]** Launched by Pope Francis, MISSIO connects you with communities around the world and helps you make a direct and lasting impact on the lives of others. Please be generous.

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7.45 pm Life in the Spirit Seminar - Transformation in Christ Fr Mark White CP.** As we are refreshed in the Trinity of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we undergo inner transformation.

**8.00 pm RCIA course in the Presbytery**

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

**12 noon Tuesday Lunch Club - Hall**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**

**2.30 pm Bible Reading Group - Hall**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8.00 pm Medjugorje DVD showing - Hall**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Sts. Simon and Jude**

**10.00 am Medjugorje DVD showing - Hall**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY Yr A PsWk 2**

**OUTREACH Emergency Appeal Burma Rohingya** More than half a million people are now estimated to have fled to Bangladesh since 25 August, escaping violence in Rakhine State in neighbouring Myanmar. In coordination with other agencies and the Bangladeshi government CAFOD hope to reach more than 60,000 vulnerable people with food, clean water and shelter.

## FIRST COMMUNION 2018

First Communion Application Packs are now available from the table in the Narthex. Please take a pack and return your completed application to the Church office by 14th November 2017.